

and secondary school buildings in public school districts and community colleges across the United States in order to support the achievement of improved educational outcomes in those schools, and for other purposes.

S. 1623

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1623, a bill to provide a processing extension for emergency mortgage relief payments, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 275

At the request of Mr. REID, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 275, a resolution designating October 30, 2011, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 283—DESIGNATING THE YEAR OF 2011 AS THE “INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF CHEMISTRY”

Mr. COONS (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. PRYOR) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 283

Whereas the United Nations has designated the year of 2011 as the International Year of Chemistry and is holding a worldwide celebration called “Chemistry—Our Life, Our Future”, which recognizes the achievements made in the field of chemistry and the contributions of those achievements to the well-being of humankind;

Whereas the science of chemistry is vital to the improvement of human life because of its power to transform;

Whereas chemistry provides solutions that successfully address global challenges involving safe food and water, alternate sources of energy, improved health, and a healthy and sustainable environment;

Whereas the members of chemical enterprise and industry, scientific societies, and academia in the United States, and the Government of the United States, generate important contributions to the economy of the United States, and energize the scientific and technological base with critical innovations;

Whereas 2011 represents the 100th anniversary of the award of the Nobel Prize to Marie Curie for the second time, the first time that an individual had received a second Nobel Prize;

Whereas Marie Curie has inspired generations of scientists to excel in their fields;

Whereas the purpose of the “Chemistry—Our Life, Our Future” celebration is to increase public appreciation of chemistry in meeting world needs, to further the development of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education at all levels, and to encourage interest in chemistry among young people in order to create a future corps of innovators;

Whereas exciting new practices of sustainable green chemistry incorporate design processes to maximize the amount of raw material that ends up in the end product, use safe, environmentally benign substances, including solvents, design energy efficient processes, and minimize waste disposal by not creating it in the first place; and

Whereas during the year of 2011, countries and organizations will reach out to adults and children through symposia, conferences, demonstrations, workshops, contests, school activities, exhibitions, and other public events to increase awareness of the history and importance of chemistry: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the year of 2011 as the “International Year of Chemistry”;

(2) supports the goals of the International Year of Chemistry;

(3) recognizes the necessity of educating the public on the merits of the sciences, including chemistry, and promoting interest in the sciences among the youth of the United States; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to participate in the International Year of Chemistry through appropriate recognition of programs, activities, and ceremonies that call attention to the importance of chemistry to our well-being in the present and the future.

SENATE RESOLUTION 284—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 23, 2011, AS “NATIONAL FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY” TO RAISE AWARENESS AND ENCOURAGE THE PREVENTION OF FALLS AMONG OLDER ADULTS

Mr. KOHL (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. SANDERS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 284

Whereas older adults, 65 years of age and older, are the fastest-growing segment of the population in the United States, and the number of older adults in the United States will increase from 35,000,000 in 2000 to 72,100,000 in 2030;

Whereas 1 out of 3 older adults in the United States falls each year;

Whereas falls are the leading cause of injury, death, and hospital admissions for traumatic injuries among older adults;

Whereas, in 2009, approximately 2,200,000 older adults were treated in hospital emergency departments for fall-related injuries, and more than 582,000 were subsequently hospitalized;

Whereas, in 2007, more than 18,400 older adults died from injuries related to unintentional falls;

Whereas the total cost of fall-related injuries for older adults is \$80,900,000,000, including more than \$19,000,000,000 in direct medical costs;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that if the rate of increase in falls is not slowed, the annual cost under the Medicare program will reach \$32,400,000,000 by 2020; and

Whereas evidence-based programs show promise in reducing falls and facilitating cost-effective interventions, such as comprehensive clinical assessments, exercise programs to improve balance and health, management of medications, correction of vision, and reduction of home hazards: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 23, 2011, as “National Falls Prevention Awareness Day”;

(2) commends the Falls Free Coalition and the falls prevention coalitions in 43 States and the District of Columbia for their efforts to work together to increase education and awareness about the prevention of falls among older adults;

(3) encourages businesses, individuals, Federal, State, and local governments, the public health community, and health care providers to work together to promote the awareness of falls in an effort to reduce the incidence of falls among older adults in the United States;

(4) urges the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to continue developing and evaluating strategies to prevent falls among older adults that will translate into effective fall prevention interventions, including community-based programs;

(5) encourages State health departments, which provide significant leadership in reducing injuries and injury-related health care costs by collaborating with colleagues and a variety of organizations and individuals, to reduce falls among older adults; and

(6) recognizes proven, cost-effective falls prevention programs and policies and encourages experts in the field to share their best practices so that their success can be replicated by others.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 661. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 656 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 2608, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 662. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 656 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 2608, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 663. Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 656 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 2608, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 664. Mr. MANCHIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 656 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 2608, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 665. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2608, supra.

SA 666. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2017, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

SA 667. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2017, supra.

SA 668. Mr. REID (for Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mrs. BOXER)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1280, to amend the Peace Corps Act to require sexual assault risk-reduction and response training, and the development of sexual assault protocol and guidelines, the establishment of victims advocates, the establishment of a Sexual Assault Advisory Council, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 661. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 656 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 2608, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 10, strike lines 16 through 23, and insert in lieu thereof:

(1) an additional amount for “Department of Homeland Security—Federal Emergency Management Agency—Disaster Relief”, \$774,000,000, to remain available until expended; and

(2) an additional amount for “Corps of Engineers—Civil—Flood Control and Coastal